

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 52

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate The Poplar Grove School cheerleaders on winning 1st Place in the Large Junior High/Middle School division at the 2005 Athletic National Championship.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful school athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors for this State; and

WHEREAS, The Poplar Grove School cheerleading program is well on its way to becoming renowned as a bastion of extraordinary athletic facility and is already famous as a squad of competitive stature in the world of secondary sports; and

WHEREAS, The Poplar Grove School (PGS) cheerleaders achieved a notable level of success during the 2004-2005 season; and

WHEREAS, this year the Athletic Cheer & Dance National Championship Series was held in Chattanooga on January 15 and 16, 2005, and was host to hundreds of schools; and

WHEREAS, competing in this one of the largest cheerleading competitions in the United States, Poplar Grove prevailed over teams from other schools to secure the championship title in the Large Junior High/Middle School division by showcasing their true athleticism and the spirit of constructive sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, through the dedication and hard work of team members Becca Traxler, Grace Little, Ashley Evans, Avery Kitterman, Caroline Brent, Catie Rocco, Chelsea Hurley, Erin Husi, Grace Tenkhoff, Izzy Arredondo, Lauren McCubbin, Kaitlin Chesak, Kathryn Traxler, Paige Tenkhoff, Rosie Colman, Sara Thames, Samantha Whitlow, Suzanna Thompson, Chelsea Ridens, Kelsie Willingham, and Kelsey Sistrunk, the school's cheerleading squad has achieved commendable success during the past year; and

WHEREAS, in a relatively brief span of time, the Poplar Grove cheerleaders have evolved into a skilled and competitive team with which to be reckoned; though cheerleading has been a part of The Poplar Grove School since the school's inception in 2000, the team only began competing in 2003, while continuing to cheer at school basketball games and other school events throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, Becky Brennan meritoriously serves as Head Coach of the PGS cheerleading squad; in 2004, she was assisted by Coach Patti Traxler; these astute leaders laid the groundwork for the Athletic National Championship by sharing with the young women on the team their substantial knowledge of cheerleading and their passion both for the sport of cheerleading and for excellence in every endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the cheerleaders of The Poplar Grove School for the 2004-2005 season have proven themselves to be both exceptional artists and athletes, and have modeled a tenacious work ethic and winning attitude for future PGS cheerleading champions; and

WHEREAS, the cheerleaders at The Poplar Grove School epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while showing the highest degree of character in every facet of their daily lives; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship season, but also bode well for their success in every future enterprise; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud The Poplar Grove School cheerleaders for winning First Place in the Athletic National Championship Series for the Large Junior High/Middle School division and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Coach Becky Brennan, and The Poplar Grove School cheerleaders on their individual and collective resolve and their extraordinary victorious performance at the 2005 Athletic Cheer & Dance National Championship Series competition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.